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from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: August 26, steamship *Bretfond*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Usk*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 29, steamship *Sunniva*; crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Ely*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *September 3, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 3, 1901:

Population, according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from small-pox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none; prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good. Proper passenger and ship certificates inclosed.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: August 24, steamship *N. Oteri*; crew, 35; passengers from this port, 5; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 8. August 31, steamship *Adria*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. September 2, steamship *España*; crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *September 3, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report for the week ended August 31, 1901: Forty-two deaths were reported during the past week, 2 being from yellow fever. An examination of the mortuary report shows the death rate from intestinal diseases in this city to be as high as from tuberculosis. The mortality from the various forms of malaria has increased.

The steamship *Monterey* sailed on August 29 for New York via Havana and Progreso, with 134 passengers. Nearly all of the New York passengers were from the City of Mexico, and, being first-class, their baggage was passed on inspection.

I inclose the mortuary report for the passed week.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vera Cruz, Mexico—Mortality report for the week ended August 31, 1901.

Yellow fever	2	Malarial fever	4
Tuberculosis	6	Pernicious malaria	3
Pneumonia	1	Meningitis	1
Enteritis	1	Tetanus	1
Gastro-enteritis	3	Total deaths from all causes.....	42
Entero-colitis	2		

NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *August 29, 1901.*

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended August 28, 1901 :

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000 ; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none ; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Prevailing diseases, malaria, in its manifold types, not pernicious, mainly of a tertian form, enteritis complications not uncommon. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week was fairly good. Five deaths occurred in this town, viz: August 23, a Spaniard, male, age 18, from chronic dysentery ; August 24, a Spaniard, male, age 50, chronic dysentery ; August 26, a negro, male, age 20, chronic dysentery ; also a negro, female, age 3, malarial fever ; August 28, a negro, male, age 2, malarial fever. Four of which died in the local hospital. Six inclosures, ship and passenger's certificates.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels : August 22, steamship *Utstein* ; crew, 15 ; passengers from this port, none ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 25, steamship *Hiram* ; crew, 15 ; passengers from this port, 4 ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, 8.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *September 5, 1901.*

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 5, 1901 :

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000 ; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever